



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

: **Confirmation No. 9682**

Yuichi YAMAMOTO et al.

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: Group Art Unit 1615

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: Examiner Eric E. Silverman

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 27, 2007, constituting a restriction requirement among (I) claims 1-5, (II) claims 6-10 and (III) claims 11-31, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, i.e. claims 1-5.

The Examiner has also required an election of species, in response to which Applicants elect the polymer of Example 1 in the specification. All of claims 1-5 read on the elected species.

Applicants emphasize that the foregoing elections are made while reserving their rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter.